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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Yuji HATADA et al.  
Serial No.: 08/952,741 Group: 1652  
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Re: GENE ENCODING ALKALINE LIQUEFYING ALPHA-AMYLASE

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 14, 2000

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of May 14, 1999, and Advisory Action of October 13, 1999, the due date having been reset with the filing of the Notice of Appeal on November 14, 1999, to January 14, 2000, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

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